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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY BELGIAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

REF: BRUSSELS A-165

1. IN RESPONSE TO CHABERT LETTER ATTACHED TO REF. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BARNUM HAS WRITTEN BELGIAN MINISTER EXPRESSING PLEASURE AT KNOWLEDGE MINISTER WILL VISIT U.S. AFTER ATTENDING MIRABER AIRPORT OPENING IN MONTREAL. MINISTER WAS ADVISED THAT SECRETARY OF TRANS-PORTATION COLEMAN WILL ALSO BE MONTREAL AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING CHABERT THERE. ADDITIONALLY BARNUM LETTER STATED DOT PREPARED TO ORGANIZE PROGRAM FOR CHABERT ACCORD-ING TO HIS DESIRES AND RECOMMENDED A STAY IN WASHINGTON FOR FEW DAYS FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF CITIES WHERE NEW AND UNIQUE TRANSPORT FACILITIES EXIST OR ARE UNDER CONSTRUC-TION. FURTHER, BARNUM STATED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BE ADVISED OF MINISTERS INTERESTS AND NUMBER IN PARTY WHICH HOPEFULLY INCLUDES MRS. CHABERT. THE LETTER CLOSED WITH A THANK YOU FOR CHABERT'S INVITATION TO LUNCH WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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## BARNUM IS IN BRUSSELS.

- 2. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT MINISTRY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF PROPOSED VISIT IN ORDER TO PERMIT DOT TO START PLANNING PROGRAM. ONCE CHABERT'S INTEREST ARE KNOWN DOT WILL PREPARE PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR HIS APPROVAL.
- 3. DOT ASSUMING MINISTER CHABERT AND PARTY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TRAVEL (BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC) ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEAL COSTS WITH EXCEPTION OF THAT PROVIDED AS INVITED GUESTS TO SPECIAL OCCASIONS.
- 4. ONCE PRELIMINARY PROGRAM APPROVED, DOT WILL WORK DIRECTLY WITH EMBASSY OF BELGIUM IN WASHINGTON, AND WILL KEEP AMEMBASSY INFORMED. ROBINSON

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